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Angel Taveras

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Overview

Angel Taveras focuses his practice on complex commercial and government litigation, elections and voting rights litigation, campaign finance, municipal restructuring, public finance, pensions, and public infrastructure.

Angel served as the 37th Mayor of Providence, Rhode Island, from 2011 to 2015. As mayor, he led a city government with 5700 employees and a budget of \$678 million and is credited with saving the city from the brink of bankruptcy. Under his leadership, Providence was recognized with the All-America City Award from the National Civic League, was the recipient of a \$3 million award from the Carnegie Foundation to create innovative high schools and received the City Livability Award at the U.S. Conference of Mayors. In addition, Common Cause Rhode Island honored Angel with their Excellence in Public Service Award for his service as Mayor.

Angel has served as an adjunct professor for Providence College.

Experience

- Co-counsel for the National Football League in successful defense (dismissal) of putative class action litigation alleging violations of the Video Privacy Protection Act.
- Successful federal litigation defending the Rhode Island Secretary of State and post-pandemic changes to Rhode Island mail ballot procedures.
- Defended the United States Virgin Islands in a \$1.5 billion pension litigation.
- Represented a majority of Rhode Island cities and towns in challenging the constitutionality of a state law that allows the wage and benefits provisions of collective bargaining agreements to continue indefinitely.
- Experienced in a wide range of commercial litigation, including matters arising under the Video Privacy Protection Act, Fair Credit Reporting Act, Truth in Lending Act, and Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act.

Credentials

Practices

- [Litigation](#)

- [Business & Corporate](#)
 - [Public Finance](#)
- [Government Relations](#)
- [Health Care](#)
- [Real Estate](#)

Education

- Georgetown University Law Center, (J.D., 1996)
- Harvard University, (B.A., *cum laude*, General Studies, 1992)

Admissions

- Rhode Island
- Massachusetts
- New York
- U.S. District Court, District of Rhode Island
- U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

Honors

- Board Prospects, 100 Hispanic Board Members Making A Difference
- Leadership Rhode Island, Threads of Leadership Honoree for Servant Leadership
- Rhode Island Foundation Pioneers Series Honoree
- Grade-Level Reading Council of Champions, Recognition Award and Induction as Charter Member.
- Accion Pro-Education, Semana Dominicana Award.
- USA Today, "Rising Latino Star."
- National Campaign for Grade-Level Reading, Pacesetter Award.
- Bloomberg Philanthropies, Mayor's Challenge for \$5 Million Grand Prize, Recipient.
- Metropolis Magazine, "One of 5 Innovative Mayors in the Country."
- Common Cause Rhode Island, Excellence in Public Service Award.
- Urban Land Institute, Rose Fellowship.

Seminars/Publications

- BARN Business Management School, Public Management Leadership Program, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, Guest Lecturer.
- Nasdaq Center for Board Excellence, Q2024 Emerging Issues for Boards, Attendee
- BoardReady Institute Certification in Board Governance
- [The National Law Review, United States Supreme Court Sending Chilling Messages for Future of the Voting Rights Act and](#)

Redistricting Challenges.

- [Boston Globe, Providence Needs To Put Children First](#)
- [Providence Journal, Keep Challenging The Status Quo.](#)
- Chelsea Business Foundation, Building Equitable Communities, Panelist
- National League of Cities, Early Childhood Roundtable, Keynote Speaker. Phillips Academy, 40th Reunion Weekend (MS²), Panelist.
- Babson College, 11th National Dominican Students Conference, Speaker. Boston College Law School on Restructuring, Panelist.
- Northeastern Law Symposium, Accessing Democracy: How Law Shapes and Influences Our Elections, Speaker.
- Providence College, Honor Society Awards, Speaker.
- The Mayors Resource Network, Panelist.
- National Federation of Municipal Analysts 33rd Annual Conference "Democracy in Peril, What to Do When Elected Officials Haven't, Won't or Can't, Panelist.
- Rhode Island Public Pension and OPEB Crisis Seminar, Gathering Storm Panel, Panelist.
- National Conference on Dialogue & Deliberation, Bridging the Divide Panel, Panelist. National League of Cities Summit, Politics of Public Sector Retirement Panel, Panelist. New England Head Start Association Conference, Keynote Speaker.
- Harvard University, 18th Harvard Latino Law, Policy and Business Conference, Panelist.
- Boston University-Initiative on Cities, Fiscal Leadership Conference "Fiscal Health of the American City," Panelist.
- Greater Lawrence Community Action Council Annual event, Keynote Speaker.

Professional Affiliations

- Board Member, Washington Trust Bancorp
- Board Member, Brown University Health
- Board Member, Educare LLC.
- Board Member, IKEA Foundation
- Member, Latino Corporate Directors Association